

Log Management

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Log Management

- A system for gathering, processing and storing large volumes of logs, which were generated by operating systems, network appliance (switches, routers), or software applications.
 - Provides an interface for human reading, and may have APIs for program processing

Why Log Management (1)

- For Debug
 - Some bugs occurs only in particular situation, not always happen
 - "Replay" the actions to reproduce the bug
 - "Test" new features without affecting customers
- For Audit
 - Who did the management? Who did "rm -rf" ?

Why Log Management (2)

- For Monitoring
 - Statistics from logs (e.g. HTTP 500s)
 - Abnormal numbers (increasement or decrement) means some parts of systems going wrong
- For AIOps
 - Help administrators to predict accidents by machine learning models
 - Data is the key part of AI

Log Management Key Points

- Accessible
 - Visual Dashboard
 - Row logs for deep debugging
- Durable
 - Can not be deleted / modified by anyone
 - Keep for reasonable time
 - Financial records: 7 years
- Realtime / near-realtime
 - Find accidents ASAP
 - Alert administrators if there is bad smell from statistics

Log Management Features

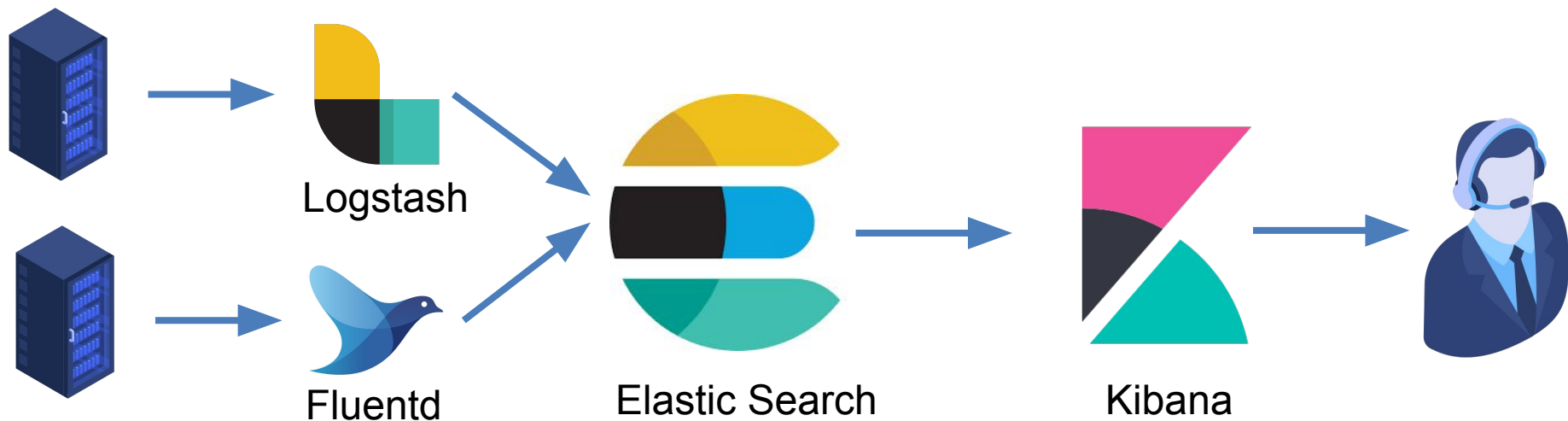
- Log collection
- Centralized log aggregation
- Long-term log storage and retention
- Log rotation
- Log analytics
- Log search and reporting

Log Management Software

- ELK / EFK
 - Elastic Search + Logstash (Fluentd) + Kibana
- Sentry (for application logs)
- Splunk (Commercial Software)
- Datadog (SAAS)
- Google Cloud Logging (Stackdriver)
- AWS Cloud Watch

ELK / EFK

- Elastic Search + Logstash (Fluentd) + Kibana
- Elastic Search
 - Storage and Index service for logs
- Logstash / Fluentd
 - Log collection, preprocessing and aggregation
- Kibana
 - Visual dashboard for log analytics



Elastic Search

- An open source, full-text search engine based on Apache Lucene
- Features
 - Distributed
 - Multitenancy
 - Serving multiple types of documents in one Elastic Search cluster
 - Near real-time search
- Developed and maintained by Elastic NV
 - The “open source business model”

Elastic Search – Basic Concept (1)

- Document
 - The base unit of storage of Elastic Search
 - “Row” in RDBMS
 - JSON format
 - Unique ID (UID)
- Index
 - The logical partition of documents
 - “Table” in RDBMS
 - Store similar documents
 - We can have multiple indices in one Elastic Search cluster

Elastic Search – Basic Concept (2)

- Nodes
 - The service instance running Elastic Search
 - Types
 - Master node
 - Maintain cluster state
 - Distribute shards to data nodes
 - Create and delete indices
 - Data node
 - Hot & warm node
 - Cold node
 - Ingest node
 - Pre-processing pipelines

Elastic Search – Basic Concept (3)

- Shards
 - Store index and documents
 - A single Lucene index
 - Indices will be split to several shards
 - Shards will be duplicated for high availability

Logstash

- Collect, parse and transform logs
- An open source software developed by Elastic NV
- Support plugins for input, filtering and output
 - <https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/logstash/current/input-plugins.html>
 - <https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/logstash/current/output-plugins.html>
 - <https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/logstash/current/filter-plugins.html>
- Input
 - Web access logs / Syslogd / APIs / ...
- Output
 - Elastic search/ IM (Slack / Discord) / Syslogd / ...

Logstash – Configuration

- logstash.conf

```
1  √ input {
2  √   file {
3     path => "/var/log/apache2/httpd-access.log"
4     start_position => "beginning"
5   }
6 }
7
8  √ filter {
9  √   if [path] =~ "access" {
10     mutate { replace => { "type" => "apache_access" } }
11  √   grok {
12     | match => { "message" => "%{COMBINEDAPACHELOG}" }
13   }
14 }
15  √ date {
16     match => [ "timestamp" , "dd/MMM/yyyy:HH:mm:ss Z" ]
17 }
18 }
19
20  √ output {
21  √   elasticsearch {
22     hosts => ["10.2.3.49:9200"]
23   }
24   stdout { codec => rubydebug }
25 }
```

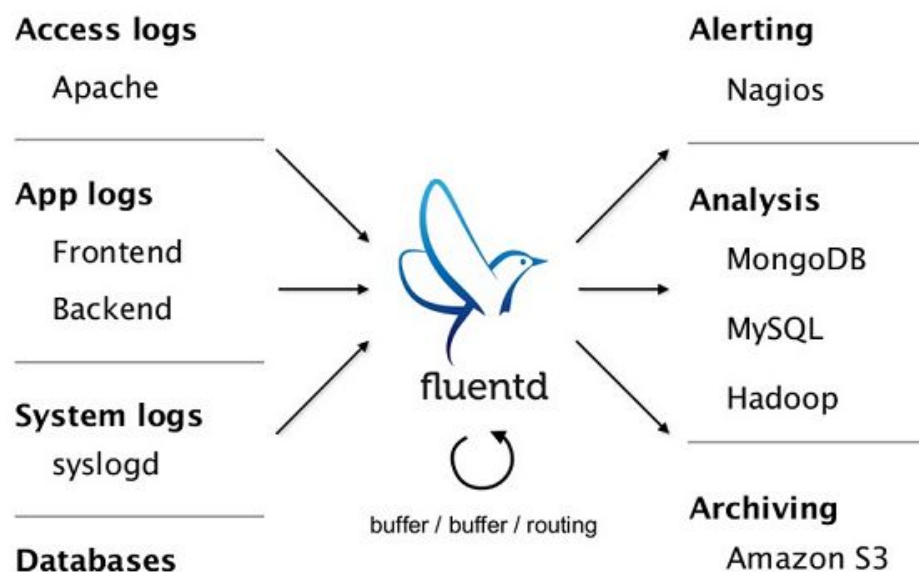
Fluentd: Unified Logging Layer

- An open source project for unifying the data collection and consumption
- Original developed by Treasure Data, now it is under the Cloud Native Computing Foundation (CNCF)
- <https://www.fluentd.org>
- Support plugins for data source, outputs and processing

Unified Logging Layer

- A layer for filtering, buffering and routing data
- Provides a unifying format (JSON) for data processing and transport
- Data buffering and retry-able data-transfer
- Horizontally scalable
- Reduce Complexity

$$M \times N \rightarrow M + N$$



Fluentd - Configuration

```
1  <source>
2    @type tail
3    path /var/log/apache2/httpd-access.log
4    pos_file /var/log/td-agent/httpd-access.log.pos
5    tag apache.access
6    format apache2
7  </source>
8
9  <match **>
10   @type elasticsearch
11   logstash_format true
12   host 10.2.3.49
13   port 9200
14   index_name access_log
15 </match>
```

Beats

- A lightweight data collector, developed by Elastic NV
- Send collected data to Logstash or Elastic Search
- Centralized configuration in Kibana
- Types
 - Auditbeat: Audit data
 - Filebeat: Log files
 - Functionbeat: Cloud data
 - Heartbeat: Availability
 - Metricbeat: Metrics
 - Packetbeat: Network traffic
 - Winlogbeat: Windows event logs

Kibana

- Visual dashboard for users querying logs stored in Elastic Search
- An open source project developed by Elastic NV

Kibana - Dashboard

kibana

- Discover
- Visualize
- Dashboard
- Timelion
- APM
- Dev Tools
- Monitoring
- Management

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Selected fields

- ? _source

Available fields

- t _id
- t _index
- # _score
- t _type
- ? annotation
- # article_id
- t author
- t blog_category
- # blog_id
- t category
- ? created_date
- # hits
- # is_spam
- t member_uniqid

Collapse

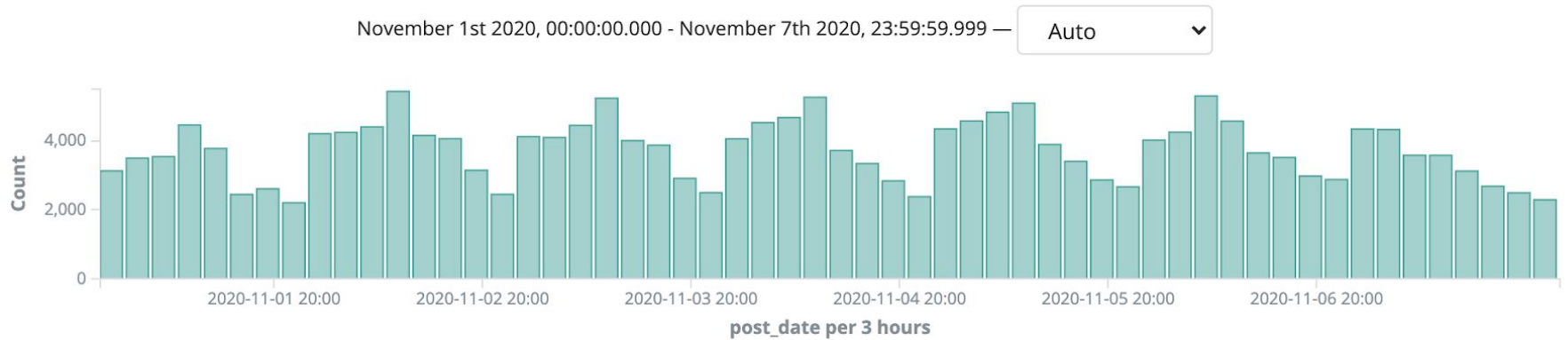
208,927 hits

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Search... (e.g. status:200 AND extension:PHP)

Options

Add a filter +



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